

has not been resolved. These actions and policies pose a continuing unusual and extraordinary threat to the foreign policy of the United States. For these reasons, I have determined that it is necessary to continue this national emergency and to maintain in force the sanctions to respond to this threat.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 3, 2009.

**TRANSMITTING CERTIFICATION
THAT THE EXPORT OF TWO ENVIRONMENTAL CHAMBERS TO BE USED TO TEST AUTOMOTIVE PARTS IS NOT DETRIMENTAL TO THE U.S. SPACE LAUNCH INDUSTRY AND WILL NOT MEASURABLY IMPROVE MISSILE OR SPACE LAUNCH CAPABILITIES OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA—PM 11**

The PRESIDING OFFICER laid before the Senate the following message from the President of the United States, together with an accompanying report; which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

To the Congress of the United States:

In accordance with the provisions of section 1512 of the Strom Thurmond National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 1999 (Public Law 105-261), I hereby certify to the Congress that the export of two environmental chambers to be used to test automotive parts is not detrimental to the U.S. space launch industry, and that the material and equipment, including any indirect technical benefit that could be derived from this export, will not measurably improve the missile or space launch capabilities of the People's Republic of China.

BARACK OBAMA.
THE WHITE HOUSE, March 3, 2009.

MESSAGE FROM THE HOUSE

At 12:01 p.m., a message from the House of Representatives, delivered by Mrs. Cole, one of its reading clerks, announced that the House has passed the following bills, in which it requests the concurrence of the Senate:

H.R. 146. An act to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

H.R. 548. An act to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States, and for other purposes.

MEASURES REFERRED

The following bill was read the first and the second times by unanimous consent, and referred as indicated:

H.R. 548. An act to assist citizens, public and private institutions, and governments at

all levels in planning, interpreting, and protecting sites where historic battles were fought on American soil during the armed conflicts that shaped the growth and development of the United States, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources.

MEASURES READ THE FIRST TIME

The following bill was read the first time:

H.R. 146. An act to establish a battlefield acquisition grant program for the acquisition and protection of nationally significant battlefields and associated sites of the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812, and for other purposes.

EXECUTIVE AND OTHER COMMUNICATIONS

The following communications were laid before the Senate, together with accompanying papers, reports, and documents, and were referred as indicated:

EC-871. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Chlorothalonil; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8402-7) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-872. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Dimethomorph; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8401-6) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-873. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Famoxadone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8400-9) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-874. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fluazifop-P-butyl; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8401-1) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-875. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Propoxycarbazone; Pesticide Tolerances" (FRL-8400-4) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-876. A communication from the Director, Regulatory Management Division, Environmental Protection Agency, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tebuconazole; Pesticide Tolerance" (FRL-8399-3) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-877. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Fruit, Vegetable, and Specialty Crops—Im-

port Regulations; Proposed Revision to Reporting Requirements" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-07-0110)(FV07-944/980/999-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-878. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Irish Potatoes Grown in Washington; Relaxation of Handling and Import Regulations" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0036)(FV08-946-1 FIR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-879. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Nectarines and Peaches Grown in California; Changes in Handling Requirements for Fresh Nectarines and Peaches" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0108)(FV09-916/917-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-880. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Olives Grown in California; Increased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0105)(FV09-932-1 IFR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 24, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-881. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Grapes Grown in a Designated Area of Southeastern California; Decreased Assessment Rate" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0107)(FV09-925-2 IFR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-882. A communication from the Administrator, Agricultural Marketing Service, Department of Agriculture, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Tart Cherries Grown in the States of Michigan, et al.; Final Free and Restricted Percentages for the 2008-2009 Crop Year for Tart Cherries" ((Docket No. AMS-FV-08-0089)(FV09-930-1 FR)) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on February 26, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-883. A communication from the Executive Director, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, transmitting, pursuant to law, the report of a rule entitled "Proceedings Before the Commodity Futures Trading Commission" (RIN3038-AC50) received in the Office of the President of the Senate on March 2, 2009; to the Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry.

EC-884. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Reserve Affairs), transmitting, pursuant to law, the 2008 annual report relative to the STARBASE Program; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-885. A communication from the Assistant Secretary of the Navy (Research, Development and Acquisition), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to overseas ship repairs; to the Committee on Armed Services.

EC-886. A communication from the Acting Under Secretary of Defense (Personnel and Readiness), transmitting, pursuant to law, a report relative to the Critical Skills Retention Bonus program; to the Committee on Armed Services.